



Michigan, Mackinac Island, and The Grand Hotel!

August 24 - 29, 2024

Mackinac Island is known for its pristine beauty, cool & low-humidity summers, automobile-free streets, horse-drawn carriages, bicycles, and fudge stores! Lodging and dining at the quintessential luxury resort, the Grand Hotel with its famous front porch, will be a treat you won't ever forget. Join your 1st MidAmerica Credit Union friends on this wonderful trip!





Saturday, August 24 (Dinner)

Step aboard our deluxe motor coach to begin our journey to Michigan! We'll arrive in **Kalamazoo** by late afternoon, where we will check into the **Springhill Suites** for one night. This evening we will gather together for a group welcome **dinner** at a local restaurant.

Sunday, August 25 (Breakfast, Dinner)

After breakfast we depart for charming **Frankenmuth**, also known as "Michigan's Little Bavaria." At **Bronner's Christmas Wonderland**, the world's largest Christmas store, you'll find everything you need to make your holidays bright! We'll board the **Bavarian Belle**, an authentic paddlewheel riverboat, for a **narrated cruise** on the Cass River. Our next stop is **Zehnder's** to enjoy their world-famous chicken dinner. This evening we arrive in **Saginaw**, where we'll lodge at the **Hampton Inn** for one night.



Monday, August 26 (Breakfast, Dinner)

Today we make our way to **Mackinaw City** for some free time to explore and have lunch. We'll board a **high-speed ferry** for a scenic ride across the **Straits of Mackinac** to **Mackinac Island**, named by *Condé Nast Traveler* as one of the top 10 islands in the world! We'll board **horse-drawn carriages** for a ride to the historic **Grand Hotel**, where we will check in for two nights. Bask in the old-world hospitality and charm of this iconic summer hotel that dates back to the 1890's - a time of refined traditions, horse-drawn carriages, afternoon tea, croquet on the lawn, and evenings filled with live music and dancing. Your stay at the Grand Hotel will likely be one of the most memorable travel experiences you will ever have! Get settled in your uniquely appointed room and explore the hotel and its expansive grounds. This evening, order dinner from a gourmet menu and enjoy live music as you dine in the hotel's elegant dining room. Following dinner, demitasse is served in the Parlor, accompanied by a harpist who will perform classical standards and popular songs. Tonight you have your choice of dancing in the Grand Ballroom or relaxing in one of the many rocking chairs on the famous Grand Hotel porch. (*Coats and ties are required for gentlemen after 6:00 p.m.*)



Tuesday, August 27 (Breakfast, Dinner)

Breakfast is included in the hotel's dining room this morning before we take a **horse-drawn carriage tour** of beautiful, unspoiled Mackinac Island. This fully narrated tour will offer wonderful views of many of the island's most popular sites, including Arch Rock and Fort Mackinac. The afternoon will be free for individual pursuits such as shopping in the boutiques in town, sampling the island's world-famous fudge, hiking along the island's many trails, or just soaking up the ambiance of the Grand Hotel. Other possible activities include attending the hotel's afternoon tea, indulging in a spa treatment at the hotel, playing a round of golf, visiting the Butterfly House or Fort Mackinac, and renting a bike to ride around the island (*additional fees apply for these activities*).

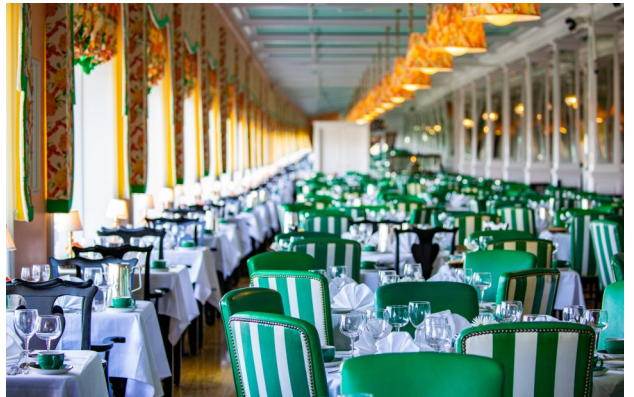


Once again this evening, it is your choice of the menu for dinner at the hotel. There will also be dancing, or you may take in the sunset views from the Cupola Bar.



Wednesday, August 28 (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

This morning, we'll take the high-speed ferry back to Mackinaw City where we will rejoin our motor coach and begin our journey southward. We'll enjoy a narrated **tram tour** of one of the most beautiful attractions in northern Michigan, **Castle Farms of Charlevoix**, featuring magnificent gardens and an outdoor model railroad with over 70 trains and 2,500 feet of track. Lunch will be included during our visit. Next we'll visit **Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore**, voted by *Good Morning America* viewers as "America's Most Beautiful Place." Tucked away on Michigan's northwest shore, this gorgeous spot offers expansive views of a region that was shaped by glaciers thousands of years ago. At the **Philip A. Hart Visitor Center** you'll find a wealth of information about the park and the natural and human history of the area. Then we'll take a ride along **Pierce Stocking Scenic Drive** - a 7.4 mile roadway that offers spectacular overlooks of twin Glen Lakes, Sleeping Bear Dunes and Lake Michigan. After dinner at **Burke's Waterfront** in **Cadillac**, we will check into the **Hampton Inn** in **Big Rapids** for one night.



Thursday, August 29 (Breakfast)

After breakfast, we travel to **Grand Rapids** this morning. Upon arrival, we will visit the **Frederik Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Park**, featuring the works of over 30 world-renowned sculptors in a variety of natural settings. Our visit includes a guided **tram tour** of the park and free time to explore and have lunch on your own.



After lunch, it's time to board our motor coach and begin our journey home. We'll stop for dinner along the way and enjoy reminiscing with new friends about our wonderful trip to Michigan!





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Per Person Tour Cost:

Double: \$2,649

Single: \$3,369

Triple: \$2,465

INCLUDED:

DELUXE MOTOR COACH TRANSPORTATION THROUGHOUT THE TOUR
FIVE NIGHTS HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS, INCLUDING TWO AT THE GRAND
FIVE BREAKFASTS, ONE LUNCH, AND FIVE DINNERS
ALL ACTIVITIES AND ADMISSIONS AS LISTED IN THE ITINERARY
ALL TOUR-RELATED TAXES AND GRATUITIES
BAGGAGE HANDLING (WHERE AVAILABLE)
SERVICES OF A 1ST MIDAMERICA CREDIT UNION REPRESENTATIVE

NOT INCLUDED:

OPTIONAL TRAVEL PROTECTION

RESERVATIONS

Please submit a completed **reservation form** along with your **\$100 deposit** and **travel protection premium**, if desired, to:

1st MidAmerica Credit Union
Attn: Martha Morse
731 E Bethalto
Bethalto, IL 62010
Phone: 618-258-4557

Please make checks payable to

1st MidAmerica Credit Union.

TRAVEL PROTECTION: An optional travel protection plan is available for **\$191** per person in double occupancy, **\$243** per person in single occupancy, and **\$177** per person in triple occupancy.

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